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Guerrilla Army of the Poor
Guatemala

Established in early 1970s following split from Rebel Armed Forces . . . largest, most effective, and most violent Guatemalan insurgent group . . . unlike other Guatemalan groups, advocates broad-based rural structure . . . has recruited heavily among highland Maya Indians . . . hurt by 1982 government "beans and bullets" civil action program . . . dealt severe military reverses, lost considerable support in traditional strongholds . . . since mid-1980s has concentrated on rural activity . . . has not engaged in significant acts of terrorism . . . no reliable reporting to confirm allegations that group actively engages in drug trafficking to support its activities.

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